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1. ON FEB 21, I MET WITH MINISTER STATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS RASHID
ABDULLAH TO REVIEW IN DETAIL US APPROACH ON HORN OF AFRICA

INCLUDING FORMULATION FOR SETTLEMENT OUTLINED IN SUB PARAS A- THROUGH D OF REF B. I HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED FORMULATION SINCE ABU DHABI HAD BEEN INFO AND NOT ACTION ADDRESSEE.

2. ABDULLAH'S REACTION WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE. HE THOUGHT THE UAE COULD IN MODEST WAY BE SUPPORTIVE OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT PROVIDED THE GENERAL OUTLINE FOR SETTLEMENT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO ETHIOPIA. HE INQUIRED WHAT ETHIOPIAN REACTION WAS TO CONCEPT OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND WHAT HAD BEEN RESULT OF VISIT TO ADDIS ABABA OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S SPECIAL ENVOY DAVID AARON. HE PERSONALLY BELIEVED THAT SOMALIS WERE BASICALLY REASONABLE OR COULD BE COAXED INTO REASONABLENESS BUT UAE HAD NO INFORMATION ON ETHIOPIA'S ATTITUDE. WOULD ETHIOPIA BE PREPARED EXPEL SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL? HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING "THE UAE CAN BE SUPPORTATIVE, BUT THE MORE WE KNOW ABOUT ETHIOPIA'S VIEWS, THE MORE WE CAN HELP."

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE CAN PASS ON TO UAEG BASED ON OUR UNDERSTANDING CURRENT ETHIOPIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BASED ON WITHDRAWAL SOMALI FORCES BUT WITH ENFORCEABLE GUARANTEES AGAINST REPRISALS AGAINST OGADENI INHABITANTS AND DEGREE OF AUTONOMY APPROACHING SELF-DETERMINATION FOR PEOPLE OF OGADEN.

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